

Bathrooms Take on New Glamor

Bathrooms are taking on glamour and losing their old antiseptic look. Architects are finding western red cedar makes particularly attractive wall and cabinet finish for bathrooms. This wood can be finished in clear lacquers to retain its natural warmth and rich tones, or it can be enameled. Some architects prefer the harder Douglas fir which has

Warm, rich colors in wall panels and cabinets make the difference. New waterproof seal coats and a variety of finishes that prevent absorbing moisture have stepped up wood's use.

Rosenthal Tells Plan for Court System

Judge William Rosenthal of the Los Angeles Municipal Court has presented a plan to the Board of Supervisors for creation of a single municipal-court system for Los Angeles County which will save \$5,000,000 in 10 years.

The plan was overwhelmingly approved by municipal judges. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said the plan calls for consolidation of 23 municipal-court districts and three justice-court districts into one system for the county.

"Each of these 26 court districts now is independent, and has its own presiding judge, its own clerks, its own system of keeping records and books," Supervisor Hahn said.

"In addition to saving substantial sums of money each year, the plan will increase revenue and improve the administration of justice," he continued.

Hahn said consolidation will make possible one central traffic-bureau court.

"This will mean at least \$3,000,000 in additional revenue returned to the county and cities each year because the judge will have records of previous traffic violations and will take that into consideration in imposing fines. Under the present system,

that cannot be done," he said. Other savings will include at least a \$50,000 reduction in the cost of messenger service and \$75,000 through elimination of red tape and simplification of paper work.

The administration of law will be improved by equalizing the work load of judges, with increased production by many judges, and court attaches, Hahn declared.

He added some judges work as little as three hours a day while others have bigger case-loads than they can handle.

"I understand that in some cases judges work only one day a week because there is no more work for them."

Major savings in the program will come about from the following factors:

1. Need for 15 fewer judges over the next 10 years.
2. At least 50 fewer clerks and court attaches will be needed.
3. At least 15 fewer court-rooms and buildings will be required.

"The plan calls for maximum use of existing judicial manpower and facilities for the benefit of all of the people," Hahn said. He complimented Rosenthal for leadership in accomplishing the plan within one year of his appointment to the bench. Hahn pointed out the plan had been under discussion many years.

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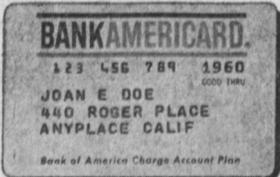
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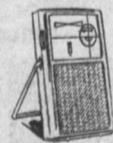


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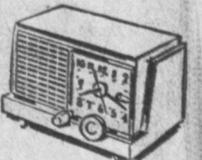
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